

# LATE INTERESTING NEWS AND FEATURES

## OIL INTERESTS SUPPORT BAKU DRIVE, REDS SAY

MOSCOW HEARS WRANGEL PLANS ATTACK ON WICKED CITY

(By NEA Service)  
LONDON—With the wickedest city in the world as his objective, General Baron Peter Wrangel will muster his 20,000 shattered troops and enter upon a new military offensive, bolshevik officials here say they are informed.

Wrangel, bolsheviks say, will march on Baku, capital of the baby republic of Azerbaijan, most prolific single oil-producing center in the world.

Baku, before the war, characterized by the gambling, vice and general looseness of an oil boom town, made doubly worse by its Oriental atmosphere, recently has become a haven of war refugees of all races and has lost every semblance of law and restraint.

But that doesn't affect the value of Baku's oil. The wells of the district are located very near the city. Oil is piped to the city and there prepared for export.

The total output of Baku's wells sometimes amounts to 242,231,000 gallons a year.

**HAS FOREIGN BACKING**  
To capture this prize, bolsheviks say, some French and American oil interests will finance Wrangel's campaign.

If Wrangel succeeds, he will set up a government with himself at the head and turn oil concessions over to these Franco-American interests.

Wrangel, former anti-bolshevik leader in the Crimea, is one of the most picturesque characters post-war days brought forth.

He was born Aug. 15, 1878, of an old Russian noble family which had numbered many military and naval men, explorers and diplomats.

As a youth he attended college as a student of mining engineering. He became a Russian army lieutenant in 1902.



LOCALITY OF WRANGEL'S REPORTED CAMPAIGN. HE WILL MOVE HIS ARMY FROM BELGRADE TO THE RUSSIAN COAST, CROSS THE BLACK SEA TO BATUM AND PROCEED ACROSS COUNTRY TO BAKU.



OIL FIELDS NEAR BAKU, WRANGEL'S GOAL.

### DEcoration in War

In the Russo-Japanese war he was twice promoted for bravery. As a captain of cavalry in the World War he distinguished himself on the Galician front. He became a major-general.

Wrangel turned his sword against the soviet when it came into power and became a trusted aid of Denikin, anti-bolshevik chief.

When Denikin fell, Wrangel retired to the Crimea with Denikin's southern army and established himself as dictator of southern Russia. He secured the recognition of France.

In 1920 Wrangel's regime fell under an onslaught of the bolsheviks. He fled with his army to Constantinople and later to Belgrade, where he is now in barracks with 20,000 men.

Baroness Wrangel, daughter of the czar's chamberlain and formerly lady-in-waiting to the zarina, has accompanied her husband through all his vicissitudes and details.

Baku, reported abode of Wrangel, is a seaport of 300,000 population on the Caspian sea. It was in Persian hands until 1723 when it was seized by Russia.

In 1735 it was restored to Persia, but in 1806 again went back into Russian hands. On May 28, 1918, Azerbaijan was declared an independent soviet republic with Baku as capital.



LEON TROTSKY, RUSSIAN BOLSHEVIST WAR MINISTER, WHO MAY HEAD AN ARMY AGAINST WRANGEL.

## Turns to Stage as Aid in Welfare Career



MISS MARY HAYNES.

BY ROY GIBBONS.

CHICAGO, March 24.—"Life is a stage and all the people in it actors." These lines from an old verse kept recurring over and over in the mind of Miss Mary Haynes here.

She had chosen the role of a social worker as her life's career.

But somehow, she says, there was too much theory and not enough practice in what she had studied about humanity.

How could she know people better—their faults, needs and habits? Again the old verse repeated itself, as it had done a hundred or more times previously, as if in answer to

the same question which she had asked herself repeatedly.

"It must have been a reply to my problem," she explains. "For I went on the stage and I have been learning most everything about contact and types which hitherto was a mystery."

Miss Haynes regards the stage as her classroom. The hours spent behind the footlights she utilizes in a careful study and scrutiny of the audience sea before her.

"And when the lesson has finished I shall go back," she says, "to the welfare work I love best. But then I shall be a more capable agent for good. The stage is indeed a study room. I am learning all that I set out for—people."

## May Free Mother From Prison



Betty Peete, little daughter of Mrs. Louise L. Peete, is being brought to Los Angeles where, it is believed, she will give testimony that will free her mother, now serving a life term in San Quentin penitentiary. Mrs. Peete was convicted of the murder of Jacob Charles Denton. Authorities think the child can name the real slayer. Betty is shown above, Mrs. Peete in inset.

## BROADWAY LIKES "VOLTAIRE," COMEDY BY COLLEGE GIRLS



CARLOTTA MONTEREY.

NEW YORK—Success may come to him who waits—

But two New York college girls weren't going to take any chances.

They got busy, wrote a play, took it to a producer, sold it and had it in rehearsal—five days later. Then they took the manuscript to a publisher, made him read it, and had it accepted—in two days.

Now they are busy reaping the results of their success.

The girls are Leila Taylor, a Columbia university school of journalism graduate, and Gertrude Purcell of Hunter college. Their play is the romantic comedy "Voltaire" in which Arnold Daly is playing the title role.

**COVERS ONE DAY.**

Unlike "Disraeli" and "Abraham Lincoln" and other plays of that type, it does not present a series of disconnected episodes in the career of a great historical figure. Instead, its action is confined to one day in the life of Voltaire at his chateau at Ferney, near the Swiss frontier.

In it are crowded bits of Voltaire, the philosopher, playwright, matchmaker, historian, pamphleteer, chess player and wit. There is no pretense of being historically accurate. But most of the events actually happened at one time or other in his career. The young authors took the liberty of telescoping them to suit the needs of their intrigue.

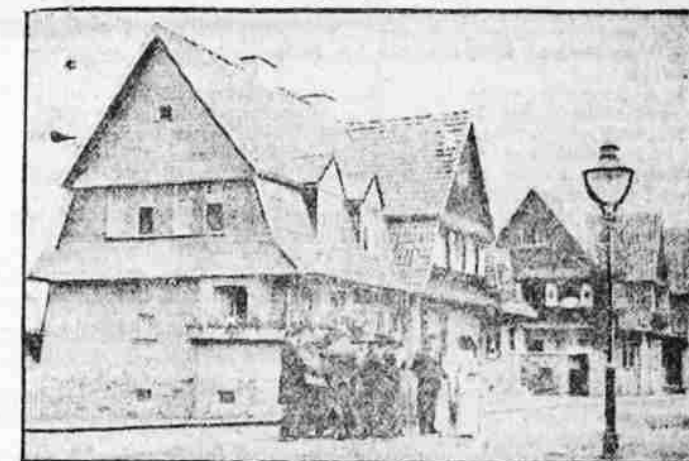
The comedy is one of the best "well-built" plays seen on Broadway this year. It is so carefully arranged that it loses some of its suspense.

### FIRST ATTEMPT.

But it is the author's first attempt. They will do better next time.

Arnold Daly's acting could scarcely be improved. His portrayal of Voltaire, the septuagenarian, is the best thing he has done since "The Master." Carlotta Monterey, the French actress, they are putting the play over and are making Broadway's youngest playwrights happy.

## \$2 a Week!



These houses rent for \$2 a week. But don't rush. They are in Margaretenhof. And that's in Germany.

## WILL TEST VALUE OF COAST DEFENSES

WASHINGTON, March 28.—Extensive maneuvers to determine the military value of American coast defenses

when operated in conjunction with modern aircraft for the coming summer are being planned by the war department. Under orders by Secretary Weeks, the order is now being prepared by the chief of coast artillery and the army air-service officials.

BY SWAN

### Bank Style



Girls who work for the Fidelity Trust Co., Newark, N. J., must wear navy blue, black or brown dresses with long sleeves and skirts and high necks. That becomes effective April 1, but this girl is already dressed in that manner.

### Why She Smiles



Lady Rhonda leaving the house of lords just after she had won her fight for a seat in the house, thus becoming its first woman member.

### Gosh!

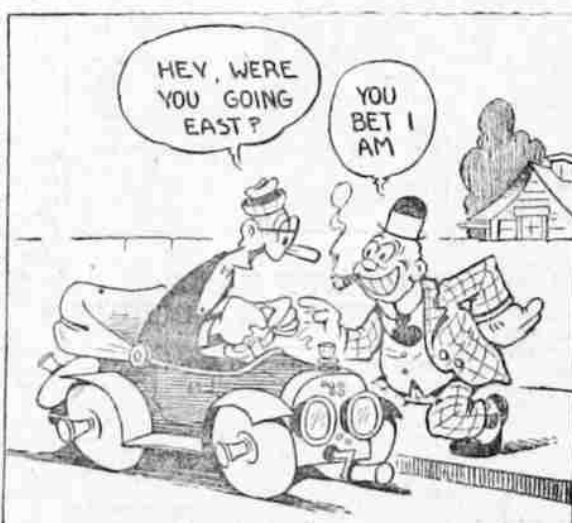


Stockings. Bottomed up. Or down. This started in Los Angeles.

### SALESMAN \$AM



### No Invitation



### THE NUT BROTHERS (CHES AND WAL)



### FRECKLES AND HIS FRIENDS



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